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✠ **SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024** ✠ **ST. MARY OF EGYPT** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14 Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45 At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Memorials: †Stanley Perinis 1 year

Coffee Hour is sponsored Philoptochos.

Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of †Stanly Perinis by his family.

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THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 22 10am Souzoukakia prep - 500 lbs!!!!
6:30pm Great Compline

Tuesday, April 23 10am Souzoukakia prep - 500 lbs!!!!
5-8pm Koulourakia twisting
7pm Sts. Mary & Martha Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, April 24 2pm **Circle of Angels** packing cookies
4:30pm **GREEK SCHOOL**
6pm Presanctified Liturgy/YAL Dinner after

Thursday, April 25 7pm **Catechetical Class** in person and via Zoom

Friday, April 26 9am Presanctified Liturgy
Noon-?? Palm Cross prep
1pm First Steps at home of Sophia Alfaras 

Saturday, April 20 **Lazarus Saturday 8:30 am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**
~Palm Cross Making
~Confessions
~Church Cleaning
~Acolyte Preparation for Holy Week
5pm Great Vespers

Circle of Angels

requests for Pascha Outreach koulourakia, paximadia, cookies and candy. NO nuts or powdered sugar! We will be assembling the baskets Wed, April 24 @ 2PM in the community center kitchen. Please take your goodies to the church office by Wed. April 24. Thank you for your generosity. Carol, Christine and Dina

BULLETIN ! 

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Dear able bodied people of Holy Cross, You are being forewarned that a UFO (Unidentified Food Object) will be appearing at Holy Cross on **Monday, April 22** at approximately 10am in the form of a 500lb glob of ground beef ready to terrorize anyone in its massive hulk. PLEASE, PLEASE come and help put this behemoth in its place by quickly pulverizing its girth into 4 oz. **meatballs**. Then and only then can we assure its demise by freezing the life out of it for two months and finally drowning it in sauce, baking it into submission.

This process will probably take at least two days, so please plan to keep Monday and Tuesday free to boldly go where no one has gone before!!!!!!!
~John Hoenig


Sts. Mary & Martha Women's Fellowship The Holy Cross: Women at the Cross

Tuesday, April 23
from 7pm-9pm
Speaker:
His Eminence Metropolitan Savas
at the home of Stellani Coleman
105 Cedarbrook Court
McMurray15317
Please RSVP:
724-255-6178

Pascha bread sales will be TODAY, Sunday, April 21, in the narthex and community center after Divine Liturgy. \$12 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds. Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Thank you for supporting YOUR Holy Cross Philoptochos! Thank you to ALL who prepared our delicious Pascha bread on Thursday, April 18! It was much fun with great fellowship!

JOY-age girls wanting to participate as a Miraflore on Holy Friday to contact Laura Zervos at lz@laurazervos.com or 412-287-5679 or Marina Bouzos marinantourou@gmail.com



 Easter egg dying, Easter bread making, and Easter egg hunt for First Steps at the home of Sophia Alfaras 412-251-3209 on Friday, April 26 at 1pm.

NEXT SUNDAY:

ORTHODOXY
In Tap
CAFE EDITION
FOR YOUNG ADULTS



FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sophia Milinkovic

APRIL 21, 2024 AT 5:00 PM
Fresh Start Cafe
46 W Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

TOPIC:
HOW DO WE MAKE HOLY WEEK MORE MEANINGFUL?

Following our speaker, we invite you to enjoy fellowship, a lively discussion and delicious coffees and treats!

Questions? Contact Lucas Carroll at lucascarroll42@gmail.com



Please contact the church office to sponsor a coffee hour. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.holycrosspgh.org/coffee-hour>



2024 Holy Week items needed*

- * Palms for Palm Sunday
- * Flowers for the Nymphios (Bridegroom) Icon
- * Seven candles, olive oil, flour & Q-Tip's for Great & Holy Wednesday
- * Three candles for procession with crucified one (Stavromeno) Great & Holy Thursday
- * Wreath for the Holy Cross on Great & Holy Thursday
- * Crown of Thorns (Stefani) for Holy Thursday
- * Purple Mums at the Foot of the Cross
- * Winding Sheet for Body of
- * Epitaphion Candles
- * Rose Petals and Lemon Leaves for First Resurrection Service and Epitaphion Services
- * Rosewater for Great & Holy Friday
- * Roses for distribution at the 3pm Good Friday Service
- * Mirafora baskets and flowers
- * Decorated Pascha Candles for the Clergy
- * Incense for Great and Holy Week
- * Olive Oil for Perpetual Light throughout

***Total needed is \$2500. Please donate what you would like towards these items, writing "Holy Week Items" on memo line. Names will be listed but not assigned to particular items.**

THE RESILIENCE BOWL

MAY 21, 2024 | ACRISURE STADIUM
A football themed fundraising event by the Neighborhood Resilience Project

In collaboration with Troy and Theodora Polamalu, we are thrilled to announce details for **The Resilience Bowl**, our football themed fundraising event at Acrisure Stadium

neighborhoodresilience.org/join-the-movement/2024-resilience-bowl/

TICKET INFORMATION

GENERAL ADMISSION

AGES 0-22 \$10 | AGES 23-64 \$20 | AGES 65+ \$10

- Admission to the Great FedEx Hall and Fun Zone
- Seating at Acrisure Stadium to view Celebrity Flag Football Game

The Holy Cross June 11-14 Food Festival is quickly approaching! Please contact Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net, C 412 327-7017, H 412 344-7046 if you can help on main food lines. Lunch shift is 10:45am-2pm or 4pm, 2-4pm. Dinner shift is 4-8pm and till 9pm on June 14. ANY of your time is appreciated!

Holy Cross Lenten Food Drive
For the Neighborhood Resilience Project!

(Will run Monday, April 1st - Friday, April 26th)



Non-perishable foods:

- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Dry Pasta
- Canned Soups (Chunky Meat Soups)
- Canned Meats/Fish
- Oatmeal Packets/Breakfast Cereals

NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE!

Questions? Please call/text Ponny Jahn @ 412-737-5528 or text Sofia Jahn @ 412-518-9206 - thank you!

Baking with a Twist!

Festival Koulourakia Preparation

BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

Tuesday, April 23rd, 5pm-8pm
and more dates to be added!



Refreshments will be provided! All are welcome! No experience needed!

For signup and questions: Contact Stephen Yamalis yamalis.stephen@gmail.com

2024 Orthodox Christian Vacation Church School

The Incredible Race

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Monday, July 22, 2024 ~ Friday, July 26, 2024
9:00 am ~ 12:00 Noon
**Monday, July 22, children should arrive at 8:30 am*

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"Let us run ... the race" (Hebrews 12:1)